

As we dedicate this state of the art learning resource center today, we should reflect that books and Beckley and Senator Byrd share a rich history.

John Beckley, our Town's namesake was the first Librarian of Congress, appointed by Jefferson.

The library of Congress houses perhaps the greatest collection of human knowledge ever assembled—with one glaring exception.

The greatest collection of knowledge on the United States Senate rests here with us today in the form of our state's senior senator, our esteemed guest, The Honorable Robert C. Byrd.

I do believe Senator Byrd would agree with Jefferson that life without books makes living difficult, but Senator Byrd would go a step further.

You see when Senator Byrd studies history, he studies not for leisure, though it is a passion with him, he studies for the future of our Country, and of our State of West Virginia.

As has been said a good book is one "which is opened with expectation, and closed with profit."

America and West Virginia have greatly profited by the books read by Senator Byrd.

President Polk, Senator Byrd is probably the best student you ever had because he still thirsts for knowledge. Knowledge not for knowledge sake, but knowledge put to work for the people.

I would like to cite one example.

Senator Byrd addressed his colleagues starting on May 5, 1993, in 14 addresses on the pitfalls, the hazards, the constitutional danger and the sheer stupidity of a line-item-veto concept.

He drew heavily from the lessons of the Roman Senate, applied them to the constitutional system we have benefited from for over two hundred years, and showed them for what they are. If I may Senator Byrd put it best, I quote:

"The Budget medicine men have once again begun their annual pilgrimage to the shrine of Saint Line-Item Veto, to worship at the altar of fools' gold, quack remedies . . . and other graven images—which if adopted would give rise to unwarranted expectations and possibly raise serious constitutional questions involving separation of powers, checks and balances, and control of the national purse."

But his voice of principle rose above and went right over the heads of the petty politics of the day and a concocted line item veto was passed by the Congress. Senator Byrd has said teaching the Constitution to his colleagues is like reading the Bible to a herd of buffalo.

When the majorities in the Congress handed the President the power of the line item veto, guess what? He used it.

The first time he used it, the cry went up from the Congress, even from those who had voted to give away their power.

Do you know what the same Congress that had given the President the power of the veto, that same Congress over rode his vetoes—all of them—in the first bill he vetoed.

I share this example with you to say, Robert C. Byrd was in this case, one man armed with truth who made a majority.

When Senator Byrd is able to provide federal funding for a resource center such as this, he builds with more than bricks and mortar—he builds with minds and character for those who will use and grow within these walls and those connected to this center through cyberspace.

Today is not an end, it is a beginning, a new dawn. It is a culmination of the efforts of the tireless worker, a man who believes in West Virginia and in its people.

Builder of highways, mover of mountains, job creator, student, scholar, teacher—a man

whom we respect, we know, we love and we thank.

It has been said, a teacher affects eternity, he never knows where his influence will end.

It is indeed my great privilege, my high honor to introduce you to our friend, our neighbor, our senior Senator, whose influence will never end.

#### CONCERN ABOUT "THE TURKISH UNDERWORLD"

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 4, 1998*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to call attention to a growing problem in Turkey. Although it is a member of NATO and a democracy, Turkey is currently experiencing a growth of government-connected crime. Indeed, a recent official report has found that former Prime Minister Tansu Ciller's administration conspired with a broad range of criminal organizations to eliminate political enemies of the Turkish government domestically and abroad. I commend the following editorial, "The Turkish Underworld", published in the New York Times on January 30, 1998, to my colleagues for a fuller explanation of this serious dilemma.

I ask unanimous consent that the text of the article be printed at this point in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

[From the New York Times, Jan. 30, 1998]

#### THE TURKISH UNDERWORLD

Turkey's secular leaders like to talk about the subversive activities of Islamic politicians and Kurdish separatists, but the gravest threat to democratic order in Turkey in recent years seems to have come from the secular leadership itself. An official investigation has found that between 1993 and 1996 the Government of Prime Minister Tansu Ciller connived with drug gangs, gambling moguls and right-wing hit men to assassinate enemies at home and abroad and sponsor a failed coup attempt in nearby Azerbaijan.

The current Prime Minister, Mesut Yilmaz, has properly expressed outrage at these abuses and promises further inquiries into possible misconduct during the Ciller era. But the problem was not limited to Ms. Ciller's term, and Mr. Yilmaz must not restrict further inquiries to protect government agencies and officials. His recent declaration that he opposes probing into areas that would "harm the state" sounds like a transparent pretext for circumscribing further investigation.

The initial investigation was spurred by the 1996 crash of a car carrying, among others, a senior police official, a drug smuggler wanted on murder charges and a pro-government Kurdish militia leader. These unlikely companions were traveling together, investigators found, because police and intelligence agencies, under government orders, were contracting with criminal gangs to murder real and imagined political opponents. The targets included Kurdish rebels, suspected Armenian terrorists and those believed to be their financial supporters. The report also found that the Ciller Government had aided a failed plot to overthrow the Azerbaijani President, Heydar Aliyev, in hopes his removal would protect drug smuggling routes through Azerbaijan.

The investigators looked mainly at the Ciller period, but also found that links between government security agencies, right-

wing death squads and criminal gangs went back much earlier, at least to the time of a 1980 military coup that was followed by a period of severe repression. These earlier links should now be explored more closely, including the period in the early 1990's when Mr. Yilmaz previously served as Prime Minister.

Further investigation is also needed into possible connections between the armed forces and death-squad-style killings in Kurdish areas. The collusion between the Government and the underworld that has now been exposed must be eradicated and never repeated.

#### A TRIBUTE TO B.L. (BUD) FREW

**HON. IKE SKELTON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 4, 1998*

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that an outstanding career in the agricultural industry is coming to an end in Missouri. B.L. 'Bud' Frew, president and CEO of the Mid Continent Farmers Association, is retiring after having served Missouri's farming community for nearly 28 years.

Bud Frew's distinguished career in agriculture began in 1960, when he worked at the Illinois farm cooperative, FS Services, Inc. In 1970, Frew crossed the state line, and joined the Mid Continent Farmers Association (MFA). After 10 years of dedicated service to the MFA, Frew became the company's chief operating officer, and just four years later he was appointed as president and CEO.

While representing Missouri farmers at the MFA, Bud Frew involved himself in many agricultural affiliations. He has served as a Board Member of both CF Industries and the National Council of Farm Cooperatives, and as member of the Advisory Committee for the University of Missouri College of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources. He has also served on the Governor's Advisory Council on Agriculture. In addition, he has been president of the MFA Foundation, and he has received recognition from the Missouri Young Farmers, the FFA, and the University of Missouri.

Bud Frew's commitment to the community and the MFA is to be commended. MFA's recent success stands as a legacy to Bud Frew's dedication to Missouri farmers. As he prepares for quieter times with his wife, Kit, I know the Members of the House will join me in paying tribute to Bud Frew and wishing him the best in the days ahead.

#### SOUTH BRONX MENTAL HEALTH COUNCIL, INC. SEVENTH PATIENT RECOGNITION AND EMPOWERMENT DAY

**HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 4, 1998*

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the South Bronx Mental Health Council, Inc., which this past Friday celebrated its seventh annual "Patient Recognition and Empowerment Day."

Created in 1968, the South Bronx Mental Health Council, Inc. was previously named the